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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities
And Render Natural Gas Service in a Portion of
The Town of Eau Pleine, Portage County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-192

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

This is a proceeding to consider the September 3, 1998, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct facilities and render natural gas service in a portion of the Town of Eau Pleine, Portage County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns. WGC presently serves as a natural gas public utility in the immediate vicinity of the Town of Eau Pleine, including the Village of Milladore.

The Town of Eau Pleine, Portage County, adopted an ordinance on August 10, 1998, granting WGC the authority to provide natural gas service in the Town of Eau Pleine.

The Commission, on August 23, 1965, in docket CA-4530, authorized WGC to serve in the Town of Eau Pleine. WGC never served any customers in the Town of Eau Pleine and the authorization is no longer valid.

The Commission, on October 20, 1966, in docket CA-4698, authorized Wisconsin Fuel and Light Company (WF&L) to provide natural gas service in portions of the Town of Eau Pleine. The Commission, on November 13, 1967, authorized Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) to provide natural gas service in portions of the Town of Eau Pleine. Both WF&L and WPS are currently serving customers in the Town of Eau Pleine. Therefore, the Commission will consider WGC's request for authorization to construct facilities and provide

natural gas service in portions of the Town of Eau Pleine, Portage County, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.50, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133.

There are three boundary agreements regarding the Town of Eau Pleine: a September 29, 1966, agreement between WGC and WF&L; an October 7, 1966, agreement between WF&L and WPS; and a June 19, 1968, agreement between WGC and WPS.

The three boundary agreements, taken together, assign sections 1-5 and 8-17 of T-25-N, R-6-E to WF&L, assign sections 20-28 and 33-36 of T-25-N, R-6-E to WPS, and assign sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, and 32 of T-25-N, R-6-E to WGC, which coincides with the portions of the Town of Eau Pleine for which WGC has requested authorization in this docket. The boundary agreements also assign to WPS and WF&L the portion of the Town of Eau Pleine located in T-25-N, R-7-E.

WGC is proposing to install approximately 115 feet of a single service from existing 2 inch plastic main at an estimated cost of \$650 in the town of Eau Pleine, Portage County. The existing main is laid along CTH N in the adjacent Village of Milladore. The cost estimate does not include joint expense and general administrative overhead. Extensions of service to the proposed customer will be in accordance with WGC's currently filed Extension of Distribution Facility Rules.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days of the date this notice is mailed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission, which are reasonably attributable to the investigation, will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Gas Company as a gas public utility, under Wis. Stat. § 196.85, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11, nor an environmental assessment is required.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact John R. Vogt, Natural Gas Division at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission:

Anita Sprenger, Administrator
Natural Gas Division

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